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TO THE

Elder Brother of St. *Katharin's* ;

Being Some

CONSIDERATIONS

On Mr. *Bizzets* Remarks on

Dr. *SACHEVERILL's*

SERMON

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Elder Brother of St. Katharin's, &c.

IT is no wonder that your most holy Church of *England*, is Scandalized and had in Derision by her profest Enemies; (the *Quakers*, *Antinomians*, *Sofinians*, *Atheists*, *Deists*, &c.) When those of her own Household. or at leastwise pretending to it, (tho' I believe it is more for Interest than Conscience) can take the freedom to Assault the true Sons of Her, with open Calumny and Disgrace; for endeavouring to bring the Professors of Her to their Primitive Obedience. A hopeful Son of the Church, yet I must confess he Acts with great Policy, for he knows well enough, that there are many *Dissenters* in his Parish; and therefore, fearing he should lose the many Pounds he pretends to be out of Pocket, he therefore makes another plain *English* Nonsensical Discourse, that (like his Brother *Perkins*) he may thereby Wheedle the Money the better from them; and also let them know, that though his Person is present with *Judas* (for the sake of Interest) yet his Heart is always present with *Ephraim*, whom he so earnestly contends for. And indeed his lazy Postures in the performance of Divine Service, with his Eyes wandering about the Church; is instead of a thousand Evidences to convince us; that his Zeal and Inclination is more for the Benefice than the Liturgy of our

Church ; for it will be long enough before our *An-
inomial* Church-man will be heard to speak a word
against the *Fanatick* Principles, (let them be never so
destructive to the Rules of Christianity) but when he
hears the Church spoke up for, and Exhortations
given to a stedfast complience with Her ; then it is
that our Champion of the *Fanaticks* is cut to the heart ;
and like the false Prophets in the *Revelations*, knowing
his very Tongue for Anguish.

Not knowing how to confuse him fairly, like his
Master *Oliver Cromwell* goes another way to Work,
and puts a false Gloss upon the Mans Sermon, by In-
terpreting it according to his Whimsical Fancy ; and
because he would not (like our Famous *Bizzet*) give
the right hand of Fellowship to the *Fanaticks*, there-
fore he must be Stigmatiz'd for a *Papist* : And have
such an Odious comparison made of his Sermon, as
hath more need of a *Scavenger* then a *Scrivener* to take
the Filth of it off. But because our Childish (or rather
Knaveish) Parson, would make his scandalous Reflec-
tions seem a little plausible, he must therefore have
recourse to a plain Falshood, in telling us that he
spoke of the *Papists* but by the by ; though had he
spoke but half so Ingeniously of the *Fanaticks* as Dr.
Sacheveril did of the *Papists*, he would have none of
these just Reflections which are here cast upon him :
But instead of that, I verily believe he would (were
he put to the Tryal) like the Vicar of *Bray*, turn Pro-
solite to any Religion, rather than lose his Vicarage.

And were another 41 to come again (which God
forbid) I do not doubt but that our Elder Brother
(tho' I wish to God, he would take Pattern by his
younger Brother) I say I doubt not, but that he
would plead as much for the Destruction of the Su-
pream Governour, as ever *Hugh Peters* did. For by his
Rebellious Principles, he seems to Countenance ra-
ther than Resent, that Hellish and Inhuman Mur-
dering of King *Charles* the First, for indeed I never
heard

heard that ever he spake much against it, I believe the Reason is, because he would (like our unknown Author of the Peril of being zealously affected but not well) endeavour to shift or turn it upon our Church of *England*, from that Silly Reason which that Author gives us, of a few *Fanatick* Turn-coats, who having been Instruments in the Rebellion, and Professors of *Fanatickism* as long as that Florish: Did upon the decrease of that, shift of their Faith to the Church of *England*, and from the Church of *England* to the *Papists* in a later Reign. But to proceed, because our Church hath appointed Fasting on that Day, to show Her resentment of that horrid Fact; therefore it is that our Gut-founded Parson, cannot comply with Her on that Day, no more than he can in *Lent*: For which Reason it is, that he will not so much as mention that Mortifying Doctrine, nor so much as Preach in the time of *Lent*, on those Days, which our Church hath set apart for Fasting and Humiliation. No, this looks like a high flown Paradox, like that in Dr. *Sacheverill's* Sermon, which requires an absolute and unconditional Obedience to the Supreme Power in all things lawful; which our Pattern of Allegiance tells us, was fetch as low as the bottomless Pit, (the place from whence he fetcht his Principles of Election and Reprobation) Surely he was grieved to hear Dr. *Sacheveril* say, that the Nature of Church and State are so happily Intermixt, that it is almost Impossible to offer Violation to the one, without breaking in upon the Body of the other; because it is so contrary to the Principles of Forty One; which our pretended Son of the Church would fain maintain, under a new Fangled notion of Self-defence, (because he dare not yet maintain Rebellion by its proper Name.) And because our gauld Horse was toucht to the quick, when the Dr. spoke of Conformists in Profession; half Conformists in Practice; and Nonconformists in Judgment: therefore

therefore our shuffling Tory, not knowing how to be reveng'd on him for speaking the Truth, would represent him as false, and absurd as possible, by Publishing to the World that he condemn'd all *Dissenters* to the Lake, that Burns with Fire and Brimstone. Only because he said, that Hypocrisy as it finds a Man void of Shame, generally without a Miraculous Conversion, leaves him without Repentance, and then both Damns him here and hereafter. Oh ! malicious Wolfe in Sheeps Cloathing, thus to Scandalize a Man because he speaks the Truth. Doth he speak against any that Dissent from our Church purely out of Conscience ? No; he speaks only to such as our *Bizzet* (or rather Buisie body) who under the Name of Liberty, would fain Establish Heresy, an Erastianism upon the Ruins of our Faith and Discipline : See *Sacheverill's* own Words in pag. 16. I would not here be misunderstood, as though I intended to cast the least Invidious Reflection on that Indulgence the Government hath condescended to give them ; which I am sure all that wish well to our Church, are very ready to grant to Consciences truly Scrupulous, let them enjoy it in the full Limits the Law hath prescrib'd.

But let them also move within their proper Sphere, and not grow Eccentricks, and like Comets that burst their Orb ; threaten the Ruin and Downfal of our Church and State. Which plainly shows that Dr. *Sacheverill* spoke against none but the Hypocrites of all Parties, who can shift their Faith to any Church, or hold with two at once, when it is for their Interest so to do. And now what can we reasonably conjecture from this false and unreasonable Scandal, but that our busie Parson, under the Name of Moderation, would fain stir up the *Dissenters* by groundless Jealousies and Fears, to embroil the Publick and bring us into that Confusion, he pretends to be so careful to avoid.

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Such Two-fac'd Monsters would like (Whipping TOM) come to Church for the Sword, and afterwards carry it to their Conventicle; thereby shewing, that if the Power were in there own Hands, they would shath it into the Bowels of that Church they took it from. This is a Truth dearly experienced, and therefore, it is in vain to pretend to make us believe that the same Causes should not produce the same Effects. For they that can deliberately approve of the Murder of that merciful Prince, King *Charles the First* ; would, if Opportunity serv'd, be Instruments in acting that Bloody Tragedy over again. And now what can we say to our double minded Parson, who for the Sake of a Beneficy can belong to our Church, and yet slide privately into a Conventicle, and there look as demure as the Devoutest amongst them : Such halting betwixt two Opinions it is, that Faith made our Church a Proverb and a by-Word, in the mouth of her Enemies ; and yet our Blustering Tory would fain make us believe, that this is the way to keep the Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace, just as if the way to keep a Foundation Pure, was to let a diversity of Streams into it. From what hath been said, we may see what reason we have Cautiously to watch against those FALSE SONS of the Church, who eat of her Bread, and yet ungreatfully lift up their Heel against her : For if such Men would be so ingenious as to throw off their Mask, and quit our Church, of which they are no true Members, then (as *Dr. Sacheveril* says) we should be one Fold under one Shepherd, and all those invidious Distinctions which now distract us, would then be left ; We should defy all Hell and Darknes to assault her sacred Rights, whilst they are defended by her TRUE SONS. Then would the Unity of the Spirit be keep in the Bond of Peace. We should see less Dissentions from her when they beheld the U N I T E D Harmony
of

of her Profelytes: But whilst they see such large Allowances made, and Occasional Conformity justified the unworthy Sons of her; it is no wonder to see such Tricking and double Dealing, when the Principles of Honesty and Piety, are eradicated out of Mens Minds; which makes many ignorant Souls unconcerned whether they are of any Religion or no; because they see such gain made of Godliness, and the Birth-right of our Church sold for a Mess of Pottage, by such Timorous, Bastardly Spirits, who are ashamed to own their Principles, lest they should lose or suffer by it.

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